

Newsletter

Sixth Form Term 6



Message from our Principal:

Wow! Time really does fly. I can't believe we are heading into the summer term already. This term has been full of positivity at Kingswood. At the start of the term, we surveyed our students and teachers to establish their opinions of the new rewards system and relaunched our behaviour policy. The results backed up what our own analysis has shown: that Kingswood is an academy where students learn well and that our students and teachers feel we have further improved. Some of the key headlines from the survey are:

77% of staff feel students were more engaged in lessons;

66% of students feel there has been an overall improvement in the learning behaviour of students in the classroom;

85% of staff feel students are more likely to be equipped ready for the lesson and learning;

78% of students feel good for getting rewarded, and feel this has made Kingswood better.

Kingswood is a fabulous place to work and a wonderful place to learn. As ever, we continue to look for opportunities to improve and provide our students with the very best chances of reaching their full potential and becoming successful citizens of the future. This remains our core vision and I have enjoyed visiting assemblies this week to further discuss this vision with our students.

I have been so impressed with our students who are preparing diligently for their GCSE and A-Level exams. Their conduct has been fabulous, and I know the staff are all working particularly hard to support them in these key weeks. Good luck all.

Have a wonderful half term. For students who have exams and academy assessments, work hard, but not too hard. It is important to have a break as well.

Mr Matt Gamble



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Key Dates / Events:

Exams continue w/c 3rd June. See the curriculum timetable for dates.

Year 12 trip to Bedford University for the UCAS Higher Education event: 18th June.

PPE2 w/c 24th June.

Celebration Evening at Corby Cube: Thursday 27th June.

Sixth Form Leavers' Party: Friday 28th June.



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@KingswoodAcad

Message from Mr Eley (Head of Sixth Form): -

Year 13

With exam season in full swing, please ensure that your child has checked their exam timetable and knows what is required of them with regards to resources. They should be arriving at their exam venue at least 15 minutes before the start of each exam with the correct equipment. Each subject has a masterclass session in advance of the exam which is vital for that extra reassurance - the timings of these are on the student timetables.

The Year 13 Leavers' assembly and celebration has been arranged for 2:10pm on the 21st June. In this assembly there will be awards and prizes given out, including a scholarship of £250 for university to one student. We really would like to see all Year 13s in attendance on the day as it is a chance for one last goodbye for staff that won't be coming to the prom.

Finally, the Year 13 Prom is on 28th June at the Ritz. If you would like photos with your child before they enter the venue, please ensure that you arrive at 6:30pm as we plan to begin the evening at 7pm. Final payment is now due so please ensure that your child pays as soon as possible. If they now wish to attend the prom, please contact either myself or Kaye as soon as possible.

Year 12

As we are moving into the final term of Year 12, it is important to share two key dates:

24th June: Assessment week

For subjects without AS exams or modular units, the week commencing 24th June will be the assessment week. Students will be preparing for these assessments in lessons after half term. Please encourage them to begin their revision over the May half term.

8th July: Work Experience week

During the week commencing 8th July students are able to go on work experience rather than be in the academy. To do this, they need to find their own placement: if they need help doing this, please ask them to let their form tutor know as we have a careers specialist that may be able to help, and then inform Kaye of the details of this placement by the end of June. The placement cannot be where they currently work.

If they have not been able to secure a placement, then they will need to attend lessons as normal. We supplement this by running Work related sessions throughout the week.



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Year 12 Curriculum:

The curriculum and independent learning at Kingswood Secondary Academy

Independent learning (home learning) is an integral part of the learning process at Kingswood Secondary Academy. It builds resilience by allowing our students to take ownership of their learning linked to the learning in lessons as well as forming good study habits. There are many different tasks that teachers may set students to complete independently such as completing research, undertaking a project, revising for a topic, completing an assessment, reviewing and / or improving a task and completing some online activities.

Please read the curriculum timetable which highlights the learning expectations for each subject this term. We hope you find this information useful and take time to discuss the subject topics and learning opportunities with your child.

Term 6: Year 12 subjects	Curriculum, independent learning topics and assessment focus	Useful website links / additional information
Art	Unit 12: Fine Art Materials, Techniques and Processes – topic altered books Artist link: Varied individually selected Skills: Varied	BTEC 2016 Specification (pearson.com)
Biology (OCR H420)	Exam prep for AS exam Module 5: Communication, homeostasis and energy Module 6: Genetics, evolution and ecosystems	https://web.uplearn.co.uk/learn/biology-ocr-1 SnapRevise: The Ultimate A-level & GCSE Resource https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zync87h https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/
Business (Cambridge Technical)	Unit 4: Customers and Communication	See emails for assignments and corrections. https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/294550-customers-and-communication.pdf



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Chemistry (OCR H432)	Module 3: Reaction rates and equilibrium Module 4: Spectroscopy	https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/module-4/
Criminology (WJEC 4543QD)	UNIT 3: From crime scene to courtroom	https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology
Drama: Performing Arts Pearson UWH94	Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' work	BTEC Nationals Performing Arts (2016) Pearson qualifications
English Literature	NEA preparation Unseen Poetry	https://massolit.io/courses/unseen-poetry
Geography (AQA 7037)	Revision: Water and Carbon cycles, Population and the Environment and Changing Places Geographical Investigation and Geographical Skills. Methods of critical analysis (& data) Drawing conclusions and evaluation	Coolgeography - Changing Places
Health and Social Care	Unit 9: Supporting People with Learning Disabilities Unit 2: Equality and Diversity	Please see your emails from Mrs George assignment briefs, your tracker and feedback. https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about/equality-and-diversity https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations-enforcement/legislation https://www.gov.uk/discrimination-your-rights



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History (OCR H505)	NEA Early Tudors	https://quizlet.com/gb/293018756/ocr-a-level-history-the-early-tudors-henry-vii-flash-cards/
IT	Unit 8 - Project management	Please see your emails for assignment briefs, your tracker and feedback.
Maths AQA 7356	Hypothesis testing 1	https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-11 https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/ https://corbettmaths.com/
Media	Unit 20 - Advertising Media	Please see your emails from Mr Robertson and Mr Wood for assignment briefs, your tracker and feedback.
PE (OCR H555)	Sport Psychology Soc/His Phys - Biomechanics	www.theeverlearner.com
Physics	Module 5: Newtonian World Thermal Physics Ideal Gases Module 1: Development of practical skills in physics	https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/7f37fa35-0932-4e0e-afc4-110ee467c0b9
Psychology (AQA 7182)	Review of topics covered in year 12	UpLearn SENECA https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/psychology-revision/a-level-aqa/
Sociology (AQA 7192)	Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods Paper 2: Health / Beliefs	https://revisesociology.com/ https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192



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Art BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate In Art and Design	N/A	Course completed	
Biology (OCR H420)	Biological processes: Wednesday 5 th June pm Biological diversity: Friday 14 th June am Unified concepts: Wednesday 19 th June am	Revision: Biological process Biological diversity Unified concept	https://web.uplearn.co.uk/learn/biology-ocr-1 SnapRevise: The Ultimate A-level & GCSE Resource https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zync87h https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/a-level-ocr-a/
Business	N/A	Course completed	
Criminology (WJEC 4543QD)	Unit 4: Wednesday 5 th June pm	Revision for Unit 4: Crime and Punishment	https://www.brainscape.com/subjects/wjec-criminology https://www.brainscape.com/



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Chemistry (OCR H432)	<p>Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry: Monday 10th June am</p> <p>Synthesis and analytical techniques: Tuesday 18th June am</p> <p>Unified chemistry: Friday 21st June am</p>	<p>Revision: Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry Synthesis and analytical techniques Unified chemistry</p>	<p>https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-ocr-a/module-6/</p>
Performing Arts Pearson (UWH94) Dance and Drama	N/A	Course completed	
English Literature	Paper 2: Wednesday 5 th June am	Revision for Paper 2	<p>https://padlet.com/cwood85/AlevelLit</p> <p>https://www.massolit.io/courses/atwood-the-handmaid-s-tale</p> <p>https://www.massolit.io/courses/williams-a-streetcar-named-desire</p>
English Language and Literature	Paper 2: Wednesday 5 th June am	Revision and Preparation for public examinations	<p>https://www.massolit.io/courses/fitzgerald-the-great-gatsby</p> <p>https://www.massolit.io/courses/williams-a-streetcar-named-desire</p> <p>MASSOLIT – The Poetry of John Donne Video lecture by Dr Anna Beer,</p> <p>MASSOLIT – Atwood: The Handmaid's Tale Video lecture by Dr Madeleine Davies,</p> <p>https://padlet.com/nmartin124/a-level-literature-and-language-paper-1-paris-anthology-the--pblunmemp3nw6kc2</p>



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Geography (AQA 8035)	Paper 2: Monday 3 rd June am	Revision: Paper 2	AQA AS and A-level Geography Assessment resources
Health and Social Care	N/A	Course completed	
History (OCR H505)	England 1485 - 1558 Early Tudors: Friday 7 th June pm Italy 1896 - 1943: Tuesday 11 th June am	Revision: Early Tudors Italy	https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/civil-rights-in-the-usa-1865-1992/ https://www.audiopi.co.uk/subjects/history/a-level/ocr/italy-1896-1943/ https://quizlet.com/gb/293018756/ocr-a-level-history-the-early-tudors-henry-vii-flash-cards/
IT	N/A	Course completed	
Maths	Paper 1: Tuesday 4 th June pm Paper 2: Tuesday 11 th June pm Paper 3: Thursday 20 th June pm	Exponential and logarithms Probability and discrete random variables Further Maths: Volume of revolution	https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/newalevel.html https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/as-and-a-level/mathematics-7357/assessment-res%20ources
Media	N/A	Final moderation	Please see emails from Mr Robertson and Mr Wood for assignments, trackers and feedback.



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PE (OCR H555)	Psychological factors affecting performance: Wednesday 5 th June am Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport: Tuesday 18 th June am	Revision: Sport Psych Soc/His - 8.1 Injury Prevention Phys	www.theeverlearner.com
Physics (OCR H556)	Exploring physics: Thursday 6 th June am Unified physics: Monday 17 th June am	Revision: Exploring physics Unified physics	https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/7f37fa35-0932-4e0e-afc4-110ee467c0b9 https://www.youtube.com/@physicsgirl
Psychology	Paper 3: Monday 3 rd June pm	Revision: Paper 3 Issues and options in psychology	A-level Psychology Revision
Sociology (AQA 7192)	Paper 2 Topics: Tuesday 4 th June am Paper 3 Crime and Deviance: Tuesday 11 th June pm	Revision: Paper 2 Families and Households (A2) and Beliefs in society (B1) Paper 3 Crime and Deviance	https://revisesociology.com/ https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192

Access to independent study:

All Sixth Form students have access to study independently. This includes directed study sessions in the Sixth Form area, access to computers for research purposes and the use of the Learning Resource Centre.



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Alumni visits

Anne Mirkovic

On Friday 19th April Anne Mirkovic an ex-student came to Kingswood to talk to Year 12 students about her journey from Kingswood to working in Parliament and beyond. Anne, who attended the Academy from 2003 to 2010, was honoured with an accolade at an event in parliament celebrating 'Women in Westminster'. This annual recognition celebrates inspirational and influential women in Westminster, highlighting their invaluable contributions to public life and Anne credits her time here at Kingswood with starting her love of politics.

The highlight of the visit was a question-and-answer session, where students eagerly posed questions to Anne. Anne emphasised the need for resilience and credited her source of inspiration to the supportive teachers during her school years and politicians who instilled the courage to step beyond her comfort zone. She encouraged students to "be curious, make new connections as you never know where they might lead, be proactive, be yourself, and listen to your teachers as they have great advice". Thank you for sharing your career journey with us Anne and we look forward to welcoming you back very soon.



Success for former Kingswood students!

We are delighted to share with you that a former student, Silvana Cupi, has passed her final medical exams and is now Dr Cupi. Silvana credits her success to the support and encouragement she received when she attended the Academy. Well done Silvana! We are extremely proud of your wonderful achievements and look forward to hearing more about your career in medicine. Another former student, Ben Porter, recently graduated with three Bachelors degrees in Veterinary Medical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Surgery - all with honours and is now a qualified Vet. This is fantastic news and we wish Dr Porter a prosperous new career!



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University life

Former students Aimee Grey and Lucia MacDonald recently visited the Academy to talk to Sixth form and Year 9 students about university life at the University of Nottingham. They shared their experiences and presented ideas about motivation and aspiration. They are outstanding role models to our students and the Academy.



Sixth Form celebrations!

The following students have been accepted on to The Sutton Trust Programmes for 2024:

Alexis Greenland - Nursing/Midwifery

Bethany Mead - Environmental Science

Daniel Stephens - Sport /Exercise Science/Physio

The three students will be attending the week long summer school at Nottingham University and will continue to be mentored throughout the year.

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/browse-courses/>

The following students have been accepted on to the online digital programme and are waiting to hear back from their chosen universities for their summer school choices:

David Kantyka

Tarik Mohammed El Sayed

Josh Walkden

Well done and good luck to all!



Go Leona!

Another of our alumni, Leona Atkins, completed the Manchester Marathon, raising over £1000 for the Samaritans. Her fund raising will enable the Samaritans to answer 235 calls for help. We are proud of her achievements and for her contribution to a remarkable cause.



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Corby Fire Station Visit

Our Year 1 Cadets recently visited the fire station for some training. They used the specialist equipment and participated in fire drills. We are always proud of their commitment and dedication to help and serve the local community.



Supporting the local community

Our cadets continue to help and support within the local community. On the weekend of the 11th and 12th May they attended the three County Combined Athletics Championships. Athletes from Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland participated in the Championships. With 650 athletes attending over the two days, our Cadets acted as stewards and help to supervise the event. Well done to all involved!



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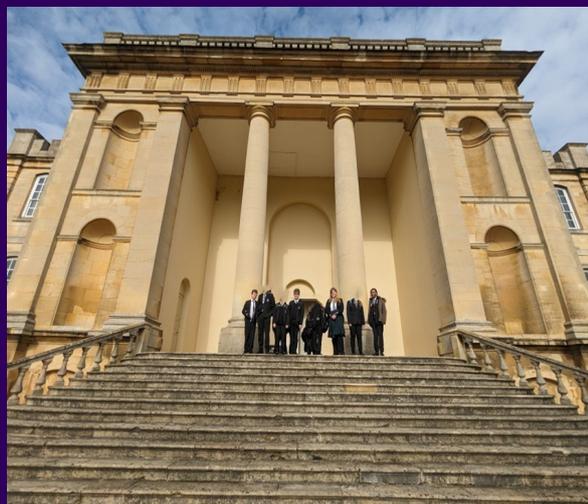
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Thriving Minds Conference

Well done to our Y9 pupils who recently attended a conference for academically gifted pupils at Kimbolton School in Cambridgeshire. They participated in thought-provoking discussions on contemporary issues and global challenges as well as networking with other students from schools around the country. They explored new ideas and developed strategies needed for real-world challenges. The event ended with one student confidently taking to the microphone to pitch his ideas to an audience.



The County Schools Challenge

The County Schools Challenge is a partnership project run across secondary schools in Northamptonshire. Each year, it helps thousands of pupils learn about important social issues while teaching them invaluable skills. The focus this year is how to reduce violence against women and girls (misogyny). Our Year 9 students recently participated in an in-house competition to identify a team to go forward to showcase their idea to a panel of judges at a 'Dragons' Den' style semi-final and grand final. We wish the winning team good luck!



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Berlin Easter 2024

Year 10 and Year 11 students visited Berlin over the Easter break. This four-day trip focused on Weimar and Nazi Germany. Students completed a walking tour of Berlin on the first day. We walked 26,000 steps, taking in the sights of Berlin and visiting the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Checkpoint Charlie, The Resistance Museum and in the evening a tour of the Reichstag. Day two took us to Sachsenhausen which was a Concentration Camp outside Berlin. Here students learnt how political prisoners were treated by the Nazis. We then completed a tour of the 1936 Olympic Stadium. This is also the home ground of Herthe Berlin. We rounded off the day with Bowling. The final day saw us visit the remains of the Berlin Wall and the East Side Gallery. The trip was excellent, and students were thoroughly exhausted at the end which wasn't helped by our cancelled return flight and a night spent at Brandenburg Airport! Students all took this in good part, some enjoying a game of football with a pair of socks and others playing Uno and some having a much needed snooze.



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University of Northampton Inspires Club Graduation

We recently hosted a graduation ceremony for the Year 8 and Year 9 students who completed and graduated from the University of Northampton Inspires Club. The students worked with a university PhD Tutor for 7 weeks and were taught using university-style learning to produce a detailed piece of work which was graded in a way similar to how university students receive their results. Year 8 completed a Local History research project and Year 9 completed a course called Navigating the Noise: Tools for Effective Communication. We enjoyed celebrating the students' success.

Congratulations to our graduates!



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The Kingswood Secondary Academy is part of the Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT). Please use the link below to see our full list of current vacancies for both Kingswood Secondary Academy and other Academies within GAT: <https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?>



Please access the Academy website to find information about aspiration and careers and how to best support your child, including job of the week:

<https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/page/?title=Job+of+the+Week&pid=615>



ClassCharts

Please access ClassCharts <https://www.classcharts.com/account/login> for all homework, RISE points and behaviour information. You will need a code in order to log on. Please contact your child's tutor who will provide this for you.

How to access ParentPay



ParentPay is a convenient facility that enables parents and carers to pay, in a cashless way, for various items. You can access ParentPay by visiting <https://www.kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org/> and then by clicking on the shopping trolley icon. Here are just a few of the things that can be paid for via the ParentPay Shop:

- Equipment Packs
- Art supplies
- Revision guides & books
- Uniform
- Exam Re-takes.

In the payment screen it is essential that we are able to identify your child and his/her Form group. Once we have received payment notification, we will process your order and your son/daughter will be advised when they can collect their items from Reception. Items will not be posted home.



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Parking and access to Kingswood Secondary Academy:

Wherever possible we encourage our students to walk or cycle to the Academy for the obvious health and environmental benefits this brings.

If you do bring your child by car, please can you note the following:

Dropping off your child in the morning:

It would be most helpful if you could drop off your child a few hundred metres from school and they walk the short distance in.

If you do wish to use our roundabout then we do allow this in the mornings. This works because parents drop off their children over a 30-45 minute period, so congestion does not tend to be a significant issue.

Collecting your child at the end of the day:

Due to the inevitable departure of students in a relatively short period of time at the end of a school day, it does not work for us to allow parents onto site to collect their child. This is because of the very significant congestion caused which leads to vehicles backing up out of our entrance, in turn blocking Gainsborough Road in both directions.

In summary: please do not drive onto our school site to collect your child at the end of the day.

Exception: If your child has a disability then please speak with their Head of Year or Miss Skorwider in our Special Educational Needs Department who will make appropriate arrangements.

Sadly, we quite often get complaints from local residents e.g. on Tower Hill Road and Oak Wood Drive. With this in mind, we'd be very grateful if you note the following:

Please park considerately and consider parking further away and allowing your child to walk for a couple of minutes to get to you, so you can park in a less congested location.

Please avoid blocking residents' drives and do not use residents' drives to turn around in or stop in. Please avoid parking on yellow lines.

Thank you for your understanding.

Contact details

If you have recently moved to a new address and/or have updated your contact details, for example you have a new telephone number or email address, please can you contact your child's form tutor, Deputy Head of Year or Head of Year with the new details so we can update our records. Thank you.

